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Las Vegas ballpark pitch revives debate over public funding

By GABE STERN
Associated Press/Report for America
CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Gov. Joe Lombardo wants to help build Major League Baseball's smallest ballpark — arguing that the worst team in baseball can boost Las Vegas, a city striving to call itself a sports mecca. Nationwide debate about public funding for private sports clubs has been revived with the Oakland Athletics ballpark proposal. The issue pits Nevada's powerful tourism industry, including trade unions, against a growing chorus of mostly progressive groups that, throughout the country, are raising concerns about use of tax dollars to finance sports stadiums but could otherwise fund government services or schools.



A person, reflected in glass, walks near the Tropicana Las Vegas on May 16, 2023, in Las Vegas.

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Honeybee health blooms at federal facilities across the country

By MARK PRATT
Associated Press
CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — While judges, lawyers and support staff at the federal courthouse in Concord, New Hampshire, keep the American justice system buzzing, thousands of humble honeybees on the building's roof are playing their part in a more important task — feeding the world.

The Warren B. Rudman courthouse is one of several federal facilities around the country participating in the General Services Administration's Pollinator Initiative, a government program aimed at assessing and promoting the health of bees and other pollinators, which are critical to life on Earth.

"Anybody who eats food needs bees," said Noah Wilson-Rich, co-founder, CEO and chief scientific officer of the Boston-based Best Bees company, which contracts with the government to take care of the honeybee hives at the New Hampshire courthouse and at some other federal buildings.

Bees help pollinate the fruits and vegetables that sustain humans, he said. They pollinate hay and alfalfa, which feed cattle that provide the meat we eat. And they promote the health of



A bee arrives at a hive on the roof of the Warren Rudman U.S. Court House, Friday, May 5, 2023, in Concord, N.H.
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plants that, through photosynthesis, give us clean air to breathe.

Yet the busy insects that contribute an estimated \$25 billion to the U.S. economy annually are under threat from diseases, agricultural chemicals and habitat loss that kill about half of all honeybee hives annually. Without human intervention, including beekeepers creating new hives, the world could experience a bee extinction that would lead to global hunger and economic collapse, Wilson-Rich said.

The pollinator program is part of the federal government's commitment to promoting sustainability, which includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting climate resilient infrastructure, said David Johnson, the General Services Administration's sustainability program manager for New England.

The administration's program started last year with hives at 11 sites. Some of those sites are no longer in the program. Hives placed at the National Archives building in Waltham, Massachusetts, last year did not survive the winter.

Since then, other sites were added. Two hives, each home to thousands of

bees, were placed on the roof of the Rudman building in March.

The program is collecting data to find out whether the honeybees, which can fly 3 to 5 miles (5 to 8 kilometers) from the roof in their quest for pollen, can help the health of not just the plants on the roof, but also of the flora in the entire area, Johnson said.

"Honeybees are actually very opportunistic," he said. "They will feed on a lot of different types of plants." The program can help identify the plants and landscapes beneficial to pollinators and help the government make more informed decisions about what trees and flowers to plant on building grounds.

Best Bees tests the plant DNA in the honey to get an idea of the plant diversity and health in the area, Wilson-Rich said, and they have found that bees that forage on a more diverse diet seem to have better survival and productivity outcomes.

Other federal facilities with hives include the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services headquarters in Baltimore; the federal courthouse in Hammond, Indiana; the Federal Archives Records Center in Chicago; and the Denver Federal Center. □

Las Vegas ballpark pitch revives debate over public funding

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The debate over relocating the team from California to Nevada echoes others around the country, where politicians have approved large sums of taxpayer money going to sports clubs in Buffalo, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; and Nashville, Tennessee. In Tempe, Arizona, though, voters rejected a \$2.3 billion proposal that would have included a new arena for the NHL's Arizona Coyotes.

The Oakland A's organization has hired more than a dozen lobbyists to persuade lawmakers in Nevada's normally sleepy, 60,000-resident state capital to approve the proposal to build a \$1.5 billion stadium, arguing the project will create jobs, boost economic activity and add a new draw to the tourism-based economy in Las Vegas — all without raising taxes. Central to the pitch is the city's newfound sports success with NFL, NHL and WNBA teams that were nonexistent or based elsewhere seven years ago.

"Las Vegas is clearly a sports town, and Major League Baseball should be a part of it," Lombardo, a Republican, said in a statement.

But those against giving professional sports teams incentive packages have said tax credits and other means of public financing aren't beneficial. They cite growing evidence that dollars generated from the new stadium would not be spent at nearby resorts and restaurants. Half of the tax credits may not be paid back to the state. Much of the A's investment in the community, including homelessness prevention and outreach, hinges on whether the ball club has money left over after stadium costs.

"I just cannot justify giving millions of public dollars to a multibillion dollar corporation while we cannot pay for the basic services that our folks need," Democratic Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch said.

Last month, Lombardo's



This rendering provided by the Oakland Athletics, Friday, May 26, 2023, shows a view of their proposed new ballpark at the Tropicana site in Las Vegas.

office introduced the stadium financing bill with less than two weeks left in the legislative session.

The bill would provide up to \$380 million in public assistance, partly through \$180 million in transferable tax credits and \$120 million in county bonds — taxpayer-backed loans, to help finance projects and a special tax district around the stadium. Backers have pledged the district will generate enough money to pay off those bonds and interest.

The A's would not owe property taxes for the publicly owned stadium and Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, also would contribute \$25 million in credit toward infrastructure costs.

In places like Buffalo and Oakland, proponents of new stadiums have argued tax incentives prevent the departure of decades-old businesses. But the debate in Nevada differs. The state already heavily relies on entertainment and tourism to power its economy, and lawmakers or appointed boards for years have talked about diversifying the economy to justify incentives to businesses including Tesla. Another deal that legislators are weighing would expand a film tax credit system to \$190 mil-

lion annually over at least 20 years to bring major film studios to Las Vegas.

The Legislature has until Monday, when the session adjourns until 2025, to push through the stadium and film proposals, though the possibility of a special legislative session looms. Both proposals are far from a done deal as lawmakers prepare to vote.

In recent decades there has been an increase in new stadium deals that are mostly — but not always — publicly funded. Two vastly different examples already are visible on the Strip.

A last-minute bill in Nevada's 2016 special session paved the way for \$750 million in public funding from hotel room taxes for the \$2 billion Allegiant Stadium, home of the Las Vegas Raiders and host of the upcoming Super Bowl.

T-Mobile Arena, home to the NHL's Las Vegas Golden Knights, opened in 2016 after MGM Resorts and a California developer covered the full \$375 million price tag. On Saturday, the arena hosted the first game of the Stanley Cup.

The A's recently received the backing of the powerful Culinary Union, a 60,000-member group of workers on the Las Vegas Strip, after agreeing to let stadium employees union-

ize. It's a key endorsement from the state's most prominent labor group, often seen as a vital mobilizing force for Democratic campaigns in the western swing state.

"We will support large-scale projects — whether they're pro-teams, event centers or large companies — if they're going to bring good union jobs with healthcare and pensions," said Ted Pappageorge, the Culinary Union's secretary-treasurer.

While the debate surrounding public financing for private sports stadiums has animated governing bodies nationwide, that same debate among economists strikes a different tone.

Roger Noll, a Stanford University economics emeritus professor, said the question among economists is whether bringing new stadiums to cities has a net impact that is slightly negative or positive — without any public assistance.

To be effective, a stadium in Las Vegas would have to draw in a substantial number of visitors who would not normally come to the city, Noll said. If stadiums are another asset to an already-existing structure, then most of the money spent there would likely be spent in neighboring attractions, like the Sun-

set Strip's resorts and restaurants. Much of the ball club's financing also goes toward player salaries, who often don't live in their team's city year-round.

"It's not that they don't exist, but they're tiny," Noll said of the economic benefits. "They can't possibly be big enough to justify hundreds of millions of dollars in expenditure."

Noll, who authored a book about stadium financing, added there is "no serious contrary view" among his peers who study the topic. Jeremy Aguero, the founder of a firm partnering with the A's, acknowledged the criticism at the recent hearing, but told lawmakers that Las Vegas' tourism-driven market was different. In a study his firm conducted — and was paid for by the A's — he estimated that 53% of the stadium's attendees would come from out of town, and 30% of those out-of-towners totaling 405,000 people per year would not have visited Las Vegas if not for stadium events.

"They come and they stay in our hotel rooms, and they eat in our restaurants and they shop in our stores," Aguero told lawmakers. "It drives a tremendous amount of value." □

Associated Press

Missing man's body recovered at Iowa apartment collapse site; two others still missing

By The Associated Press

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — The body of one of three men who had been missing after the partial collapse of an apartment building in Davenport, Iowa, has been found, a city official confirmed Sunday.

Branden Colvin Sr.'s body was recovered Saturday, city spokeswoman Sarah Ott said. Two other men — 51-year-old Ryan Hitchcock and 60-year-old Daniel Prien — are still unaccounted for. Colvin, 42, is the first person confirmed to have died in the collapse.

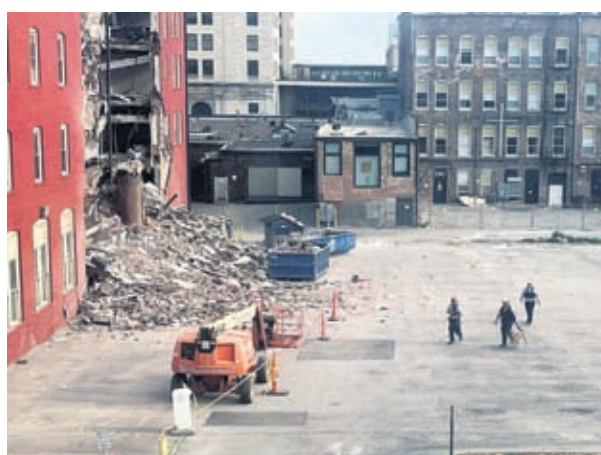
No other details were immediately released. Prien's daughter, Nancy Prien Frezza, told The Associated Press that she has not received any updates on the search for her father.

The Quad-City Times reported that Colvin's son, Branden Colvin Jr., graduated from high school Saturday. He and other family members had been at the collapse site almost constantly, hoping for a miracle.

The discovery of Colvin's body came a day after authorities announced that the search for survivors had been completed, with attention turning to shoring up the structure so recovery efforts could begin.

The remains of the six-story apartment building were constantly in motion in the first 24 to 36 hours after it collapsed on May 28, which officials said posed a risk to rescuers who were trying to search for survivors.

City officials had said earlier that Colvin, Hitchcock and Prien had "high probability of being home at the time of the collapse."



Three search and rescue workers and a dog approach the site of a building collapse in Davenport, Iowa, during a search, Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Associated Press

Authorities have said that searching the building was extremely dangerous — and that it was constantly shifting and at risk of further collapse, putting rescuers at great risk. An Iowa task force completed a search for survivors on Thursday and began focusing on shoring up the structure for recovery efforts.

"We are doing the best we can to balance the building conditions and the safety of our responders," Fire Chief Mike Carlsten told reporters during a briefing after the collapse. He said conditions have forced a response that may take "days and weeks" instead of what ideally would have been minutes or hours.

Mayor Mike Matson has said the debris pile "could be a place of rest for some of the unac-

counted."

Work to bring down the building was moving forward amid questions about why neither the owner nor city officials warned residents about potential danger even after a structural engineer's report issued just days before the collapse indicated a wall of the century-old building was at imminent risk of crumbling.

Documents released by the city show that city officials and the building's owner were warned for months that parts of the building were unstable.

Tenants also complained to the city in recent years about a host of problems they say were ignored by property managers, including no heat or hot water for weeks or even months at a time, as well as mold and water leakage from ceilings and toilets. While city officials tried to address some complaints and gave vacate orders to individual apartments, a broader evacuation was never ordered, records show.

Current and former residents told The Associated Press about interior cracks on the wall that ultimately collapsed that were reported to building management.

Andrew Wold, the building's owner, released a statement dated May 30 saying "our thoughts and prayers are with our tenants." He has made no statement since then, and efforts to reach him, his company and a man believed to be his attorney have been unsuccessful.

County records show Davenport Hotel L.L.C. acquired the building in a 2021 deal worth \$4.2 million. □

Unresponsive small plane over Washington crashes in Virginia

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and ASHLEY THOMAS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A wayward and unresponsive business plane that flew over the nation's capital Sunday afternoon caused the military to scramble a fighter jet before the plane crashed in Virginia, officials said. The fighter jet caused a loud sonic boom that was heard across the capital region.

The Federal Aviation Administration says the Cessna Citation took off from Elizabethtown, Tennessee, on Sunday and was headed for Long Island's MacArthur Airport. Inexplicably, the plane turned around over New York's Long Island and flew a straight path down over D.C. before it crashed over mountainous terrain near Montebello, Virginia, around 3:30 p.m.

It was not immediately clear why the plane was nonresponsive, why it crashed or how many people were on board.

A U.S. official confirmed to The Associated Press that the military jet had scrambled to respond to the small plane, which later crashed. The official was not authorized to



The sign for Joint Base Andrews is seen on March 26, 2021, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Associated Press

publicly discuss details of the military operation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Flight tracking sites showed the jet suffered a rapid spiraling descent, dropping at one point at a rate of more than 30,000 feet per minute before crashing in the St. Mary's Wilderness.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command later said in a

statement that the F-16 was authorized to travel at supersonic speeds, which caused a sonic boom.

"During this event, the NORAD aircraft also used flares — which may have been visible to the public — in an attempt to draw attention from the pilot," the statement said. "Flares are employed with highest regard for safety of the intercepted aircraft and people on the

ground. Flares burn out quickly and completely and there is no danger to the people on the ground when dispensed."

The plane that crashed was registered to Encore Motors of Melbourne Inc. A woman who identified herself as Barbara Rumpel, who is listed as the president of the company in Melbourne, Florida, said she had no comment Sunday when reached by a reporter for The Associated Press.

President Joe Biden was playing golf at Joint Base Andrews around the time the fighter jet took off. Anthony Guglielmi, spokesperson for the U.S. Secret Service, said the incident had no impact on the president's movements Sunday. Biden was playing golf at the Maryland military base with his brother in the afternoon.

A White House official said: "The President was briefed on the incident. The sound resulting from the authorized DOD aircraft was faint at JBA."

The Pentagon and the D.C. Air National Guard did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Sunday. □

U.S., Saudi Arabia urge Sudan's warring parties to agree to a new cease-fire

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Saudi Arabia and the United States urged Sudan's warring parties Sunday to agree to and "effectively implement" a new cease-fire as fighting showed no signs of abating in the northeastern African nation.

Sudan descended into chaos after fighting broke out in mid-April between the military, led by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo.

For weeks, Saudi Arabia and the United States have been mediating between the warring parties. On May 21, both countries successfully brokered a temporary cease-fire agreement to help with the delivery of much-needed humanitarian aid to the war-torn country. Their efforts, however, were dealt a blow when the military announced on Wednesday it would no longer participate in the cease-fire talks



People board a bus to leave Khartoum, Sudan, Saturday, June 3, 2023, as fighting between the Sudanese Army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces intensified.

Associated Press

held in the Saudi coastal city of Jeddah.

Following the military's decision, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia said they were suspending the talks "as a result of repeated serious violations of the short-term cease-fire." President Joe Biden's administration imposed sanctions against key Sudanese defense companies run by the military and the RSF and people who "perpetuate violence" in Sudan.

In their statement on Sunday, Washington and Riyadh said they continued

to engage representatives of the military and the RSF who remained in Jeddah. They urged the Sudanese warring sides to agree to and implement a new cease-fire following the latest one which expired late Saturday. The aim is to eventually establish a permanent cessation of hostilities in the war-wrecked country, they said.

The statement said the discussions focused on "facilitating humanitarian assistance" and reaching an agreement on "near-term steps the parties must take"

before resuming the talks. The fighting has turned the capital, Khartoum, and other urban areas into battlefields, resulting in widespread looting and destruction of residential areas across the country. The conflict has also displaced more than 1.65 million people who fled to safer areas in Sudan and neighboring countries.

Aid groups' offices and warehouses, health care facilities and other civilian infrastructure have been attacked and looted, including most recently the warehouses of the World Food Program in the city of Obeid in North Kordofan on Jan. 1.

There have been reports of sexual violence, including the rape of women and girls in Khartoum and the western Darfur region, which have seen some of the worst fighting in the conflict. Almost all reported cases of sexual attacks were blamed on the RSF, which didn't respond to repeated requests for comment. □

Hong Kong detains 8 people on eve of Tiananmen Square anniversary

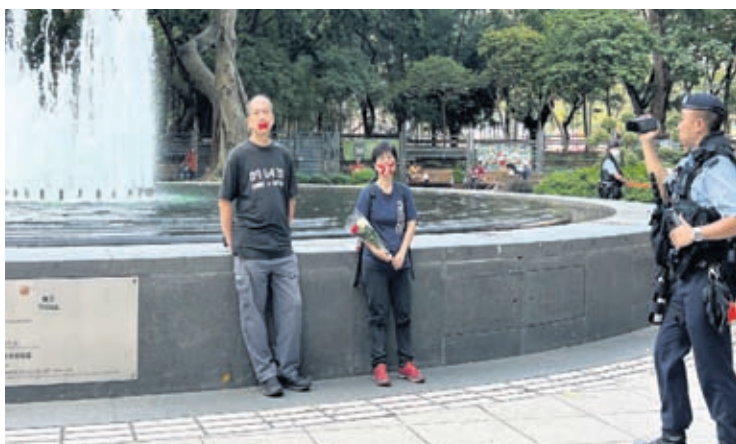
By KANIS LEUNG

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong police detained eight people, including activists and artists, on the eve of the 34th anniversary of China's Tiananmen Square crackdown, a move that signals the city's shrinking freedom of expression.

Police said in a statement late Saturday that four people have been arrested for allegedly disrupting order in public spaces or carrying out acts with seditious intent. Four others were taken away for investigation on suspicion of breaching public peace.

For decades, tens of thousands of Hong Kongers held an annual candlelight vigil in Victoria Park each June 4 to commemorate the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters, in



On the eve of the 34th anniversary of China's Tiananmen Square crackdown, Tiananmen activists Kwan Chun-pong, center left and Lau Ka-yee at center right with red tape over their mouths after they indicate they would fast for about a day at the entrance of Hong Kong's Victoria Park as part of their commemoration on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

Associated Press

which tanks rolled into the heart of Beijing and hundreds, possibly thousands, of people were killed.

During the pandemic, protests in Hong Kong were rare due to COVID-19 restrictions. In addition, many

activists there have been silenced or jailed after Beijing imposed a sweeping national security law following massive protests in 2019. When the British handed Hong Kong to Beijing in 1997, it was promised

50 years of self-government and freedoms of assembly, speech and press that are not allowed on the Chinese mainland, but critics say those freedoms are being eroded.

This year's Tiananmen commemoration is expected to be muted. Many Hong Kongers are trying to mark the event in private ways because it is unclear what authorities might consider subversive.

Earlier Saturday, activists Kwan Chun-pong and Lau Ka-yee were detained after appearing near the former site of the candlelight vigil to say they would not eat for around 24 hours to mourn the victims.

"We will now start fasting at 6:04 p.m.," Lau said with flowers in her hand, referencing the June 4 date of the crackdown. □

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N. Korean leader's sister vows 2nd attempt to launch spy satellite

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

The influential sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed again Sunday to push for a second attempt to launch a spy satellite as she lambasted a U.N. Security Council meeting over the North's first, failed launch.

The North's attempt to put its first military spy satellite into orbit last Wednesday failed as its rocket crashed off the Korean Peninsula's western coast. An emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council was still convened at the request of the U.S., Japan and other countries to discuss the launch because it had violated council resolutions banning the North from performing any launch using ballistic technology.

On Sunday, Kim's sister and senior ruling party official, Kim Yo Jong, called the U.N. council "a political appendage" of the United States, saying its recent meeting was convened following America's "gangster-like request."

She accused the U.N. council of being "discriminative and rude" because



This photo provided by the North Korean government, shows what it says is a launch of the newly developed Chollima-1 rocket carrying the Malligyong-1 satellite at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

it only takes issue with the North's satellite launches while thousands of satellites launched by other countries are already operating in space. She said her country's attempt to acquire a spy satellite is a legitimate step to respond to military threats posed by the U.S. and its allies.

"(North Korea) will continue to take proactive measures to exercise all the lawful rights of a sovereign state, including the one to a mili-

tary reconnaissance satellite launch," Kim Yo Jong said in a statement carried by state media.

In her earlier statement Friday, Kim Yo Jong said the North's spy satellite "will be correctly put on space orbit in the near future" but didn't say when its second launch attempt would take place.

South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers Wednesday it will likely take "more than several weeks" for

North Korea to learn the cause of the failed launch but it may attempt a second launch soon if defects aren't serious.

Washington, Seoul and others criticized the North's satellite launch for raising international tensions and urged it to return to talks.

A military surveillance satellite is among a list of sophisticated weapons systems that Kim Jong Un has vowed to acquire amid protracted security ten-

sions with the United States. Since the start of 2022, Kim has carried out more than 100 missile tests in what he called a warning over expanded military drills between the U.S. and South Korea.

Experts say Kim would want to use his modernized weapons arsenal to wrest concessions from Washington and its partners in future diplomacy.

North Korea was slapped with rounds of U.N. sanctions over its past nuclear and missile tests and satellite launches. But the U.N. Security Council failed to toughen those sanctions over North Korea's recent testing activities because China and Russia, both permanent members of the U.N. council, blocked the U.S. and others' attempts to do so. During the latest U.N. council session Friday, China and Russia again clashed with the U.S. over the North's failed launch. After repeated failures, North Korea placed Earth-observation satellites into orbit in 2012 and 2016, but foreign experts say there is no evidence that either satellite transmitted imagery and other data. □

Associated Press

Senegal's government suspends mobile internet access

By **SAM MEDNICK**

Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) —

Senegal's government temporarily suspended mobile phone data on Sunday as the country reels from days of deadly clashes between police and supporters of opposition leader Ousmane Sonko.

The ministry of communication, telecommunications and digital economy said that because of the diffusion of "subversive messages in a context of public disorder in certain localities," cellphone internet data would be suspended during certain time periods. The statement comes after days of deadly clashes throughout the West African nation between Sonko's supporters and police. The official death toll



Police in riot gear stand guard during clashes with demonstrators in Dakar, Senegal, Saturday, June 3, 2023.

Associated Press

is unclear. The government says that 15 people, including two members of the security forces, have been killed, while the opposition says 19 people have died. The clashes first broke out on Thursday, after Sonko was convicted of corrupt-

ing youth but acquitted on charges of raping a woman who worked at a massage parlor and making death threats against her. Sonko, who didn't attend his trial in Dakar, was sentenced to two years in prison. His lawyer said that

a warrant hadn't yet been issued for his arrest.

Sonko came third in Senegal's 2019 presidential election and is popular with the country's youth. His supporters maintain that his legal troubles are part of a government effort to derail his candidacy in the 2024 presidential election.

Sonko is considered to be President Macky Sall's main competition and has urged Sall to state publicly that he won't seek a third term in office. Sonko hasn't been seen or heard from since the verdict.

The international community has called on Senegal's government to resolve the tensions.

The government had already suspended access to some social media sites, such as Facebook, What-

sApp and Twitter, which it said was being used to incite violence.

At a news conference on Saturday evening, the government said it would take all necessary measures to secure the country.

"I would like to reassure the Senegalese people that whatever attacks we have, the state will face them," Interior Minister Antoine Felix Abdoulaye Diome said. Around 500 people have been arrested across the country, including those belonging to political parties as well as those who are just trying to scare people, he said.

Rights groups have condemned the government crackdown, which it says has included arbitrary arrests. □



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Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!



NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.



Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long

and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass.

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story. The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car

tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottle.



The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

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people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! ☐



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NOORD — We are in 2023. It was a wild ride with Covid-19 and we all are aiming for a change of routine. We simply want to “live” life again. “It is time for living your dream,” as the quote says at Aruba Living Today’s office. “We are fifteen plus years in business, and I am proud to say that all our clients stuck with us. We are no part of a big company, we keep it small, personal, and real. Because you are not a number, no sales target either and certainly your name is not commission. Our responsibility is to make your dream come true,” says owner Randolph Arends.

From human to human

If you have decided to buy a house or rent one for vacation in Aruba and you are looking for that match, the question now is how to click with a person that offers a personal touch? One who pays genuine attention and has sincere interest in what you want?

This different approach to real estate is what sets Aruba Living Today apart, and the reason Randolph calls himself a property mediator instead of a real estate broker. “The personal touch is essential to me. I am stepping aside of the image that real estate brokers are only in for the commission. This image does not fit me at all, I am in for my passion, and I can only do this from the heart.”

One stop shopping point

Services offered by Aruba Living Today are House and Land Sales, Rentals, Investments, Property Management, Vacation Rental, Mortgages, Insurances, Maintenance, Assist in Arrangements for Notary and Utilities, Guiding Bureaucracy Process and Assisting in Import of Furniture. Randolph and his business partner Eladio Max Maduro. Born in Aruba, he was raised in the Netherlands. Max was Corporal mandatory in the Dutch Army/Genie der Landmacht. He also studied financial administration in the Netherlands, and has a degree in Dutch insurance law. Max has 40 years work experience in all kind of insurance, specialized liability and pension law. In the past, he worked for local and international insurance brokers companies.

As per March 1st 2023, he is working as a commercial partner at Aruba Living Today.

You are welcome to meet in person

Aruba Living Today houses in an authentic Aruban house, welcoming you in a warm ambiance that emphasizes the philosophy of connecting. Candles, Buddha ornaments and a homey setting form the décor for you to sit and talk about your dream house or investment. “My goal was to do real estate in a different way when I established this company June 1st 2009. Not from the perspective of only selling, but to look for the perfect match between dream house and client. My philosophy is: it will only work when all involved are happy and connected by that personal touch.”



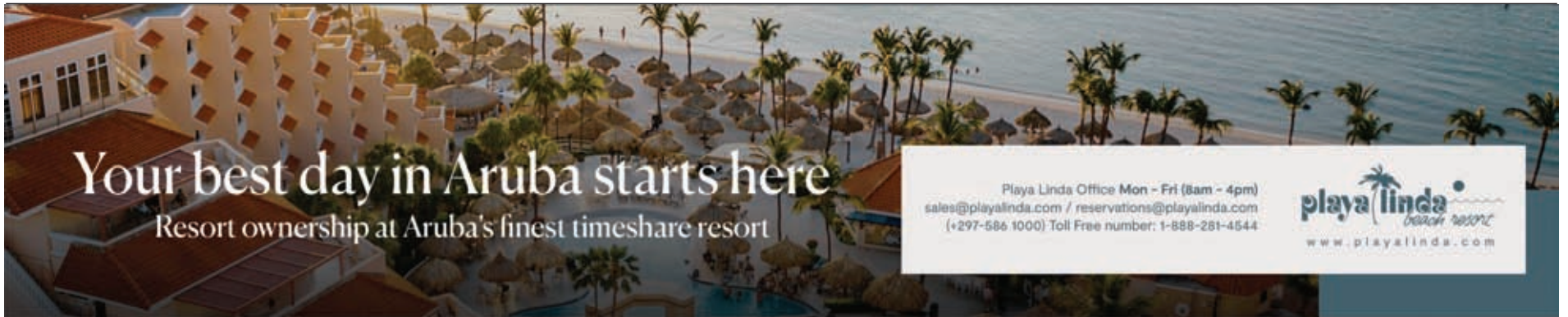
Aruba Living Today caters for both local and foreign market divided into 40 % local buyers and 60 % foreign buyers. “Our customers come from Holland, Belgium, Norway, Germany, UK, Russia, Latin America, United States and Canada. We are widely covered and thus provable good with different cultures, also we speak four languages.” Besides that, Aruba Living Today is open to every budget, they have listings for all category buyers.

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Aruba Living Today is featured on House Hunters, social media, Aruba Living Today and of course in Aruba Today’s newspaper. □

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Aruba Tourism Authority honorloyal visitorat Casa Del Mar Beach Resort

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognizean EmeraldAmbassador of Aruba. This visitor was respectfully honored with a certificate acknowledginghis years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests whom have visited Aruba 10, 20, and 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

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The honoree was:
Emerald Ambassador
Mr. Robert Pennacchia from New Jersey, United States.

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Casa Del Mar Beach Resort bestowed thecertificate to the honoree,presented him with gifts,

and also thanked him for choosing Aruba as his favorite vacation destination and as his home-away-from-home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by Mr. Pennacchia were:
Aruba's welcoming people
Aruba'spicturesque sunsets& crystal-clear blue waters
Aruba's sunny weather all year round

The numerous interactions with locals and visitors that have developed over time into long lasting friendships

The variety of restaurants to choose from

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Pennacchia for always having Aruba dear to his heart.□

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For today we received a lovely message from **Joe & Cheryl Doyle from Diamondhead, Mississippi, USA.**

They wrote to us saying:
"You can select whichever picture that looks the best for the Aruba Today publication. We are leaving Aruba on 6/16. If we are fortunate enough to be chosen, please place our submission in your paper before we



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What ARUBA means to us:
A - Air is so clean offering a breeze regardless of the time of day
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U- Unique, regardless of which direction you look diversity in Nature abound
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A- Activities are available to ev-

everyone regardless of age or abilities. There is something for everyone to enjoy on this wonderful island.

This is our 27th. visit to Aruba and we still look forward to our upcoming visit every year. We LOVE Aruba"

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers!□

Fruit Loose & Veggie Boost: Aruban fruits and vegetables



Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mangoes hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

Mispel

This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to

make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year-round.

Kenepa

Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the



tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

Druif

There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

Shimarucu

Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimarucu. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarucus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).



Tamarind

A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phos-

phorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March.

When it comes to veggies the island certainly offers a home-grown selection. They taste delicious and have their specific talents to boost your immune system. Start the day with a 'batida' (smoothie) enriched with a local veggie touch or select your restaurant that offers local vegetable dishes to get the real pure taste of it.



Comcomber chiquito

This is a sort of local squash, but looks like a cucumber with prickly skin. The taste however is bitterer than the cucumber and the vegetable is smaller in size but bigger in width. Inside is a soft, fleshy pulp and seeds, just like the cucumber. Comcomber chiquito is grown in the island and used in salads and 'stoba' (stew) or on its own in vinegar. The veggie contains multiple B vitamins, including vitamin B1, vitamin B5, and vitamin B7 (biotin). B vitamins are known to help ease feelings of anxiety and buffer some of the damaging effects of stress. Additionally this veggie is rich in two of the most basic elements needed for healthy digestion: water and fiber. Season: year-round.

Yambo

Family of Okra, also known as 'lady's fingers': a green flowering plant. Okra belongs to the same plant family as hibiscus and cotton. A classic favorite dish in Aruba is Sopi di yambo. It has long been favored as a food for the health-conscious. It contains potassium, vitamin B, vitamin C, folic acid, and calcium.



It's low in calories and has a high dietary fiber content. Recently, a new benefit of including okra in your diet is being considered. Okra has been suggested to help manage blood sugar in cases of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes. Season: year-round.

Bonch'i Cunucu

A long, small bean, boiled for a side dish or snack. Long beans have a chewy, crunchy texture—more so than snap beans—and a flavor reminiscent of the dry navy bean or asparagus. Besides stir-fry, soups and salads, the long bean is a good choice for stewing, braising (to remain chewy and firm), sautéing, shallow frying, and deep frying. With cooking, the long bean's bean flavor intensifies. Long beans are low in calories, about 45 calories per cup, and rich in vitamin A and also contain vitamin C and potassium. Season: year-round.

Pampuna

In the endless summer of Caribbean living we only have to concern ourselves with a wet season and a dry season. Still we do indulge heavily in the pleasures of pumpkin and enjoy Caribbean pumpkin recipes year round. A popular dish in Aruban restaurants is Sopa Di Pompuna, don't miss it. This dish is made of pumpkin soup, and parsley. Pumpkins are rich in flavonoid polyphenolic antioxidants such as xanthin, lutein and carotenes and also contain vitamins. Pumpkin seeds are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, minerals and proteins. Pumpkins are used to make desserts, breads and soups.□





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ORANJESTAD — Honey bees wild and domestic perform about 80 percent of all pollination worldwide. A single bee colony can pollinate 300 million flowers each day. Grains are primarily pollinated by the wind, but fruits, nuts and vegetables are pollinated by bees. Seventy out of the top 100 human food crops — which supply about 90 percent of the world's nutrition — are pollinated by bees.

Seeing the importance of saving the bees Aruba is not staying behind. We have many people interested in saving and protecting these bees. Many are practicing Apiculture which consists of saving and protecting the bees with the sole purpose to produce honey locally. One of these persons is the very well-known on the island Mr. Luis Winterdaal, founder of Lui Bee Farm Aruba.

Luis Winterdaal was born and raised in Aruba on October 10th 1954 in the city of Savaneta. A person with great love for the nature and all animals. Luis started working with bees when he was only 15 years old. At that time there were no special equipment to use when working with bees such as face masks and smokers. Luis used to make his own face protection equipment from wired screens sewed to a t-shirt. He also cut out the legs of his jeans to use them to protect his arms and as smoker he used cookie cans.

11 Years ago Luis met 3 young people who love bees and saw the importance that these bees

have for the humanity. Giles, Jourdan and Suyen. With much passion and all the patience in the world Luis taught these 3 youngsters everything they needed to know about bees. From there started the idea of the farm. To save and protect these bees. They all try to demonstrate and teach the people of Aruba the importance these bees have.

Their vision is to save as much bees as possible from being killed. For more than 45 years Luis has been helping our people of Aruba to solve any type of bee problems at their homes. Luis together with Giles, Jourdan and Suyen have been all over the island bringing their passion and knowledge in order to save these bees.

Organic honey:

At Lui Bee farm Aruba they have special bee boxes which are filled with bees that were rescued from different houses and locations all around the island. Not always when rescuing bees you will find honey. Sometimes you will find the wax with only baby bees and if you are lucky you will find wax filled with honey.

The honey from the boxes at their location are not being emptied every time why? Because of the lack of rain on the island, most of the time it's very dry and this can be very stressful for the bees. Why the stress? Because they have to make new wax and also in such dry period they use honey to feed themselves to survive.

Honey that they produce and sell at their farm does not contain any chemicals. Their honey goes directly from the wax to the bottles. The whole process takes place at their own facility. They encounter all types of color of honey on the island from light to black honey. Since they depend very much on the water/rain for these bees to survive the production of see is not consistent. Lui Bee Farm wishes to someday be able to produce enough honey to distribute to the whole island. Honey is very beneficial for your overall health and is very important for the human being. Honey products are daily used for as medicine and in many beauty products.

Most of the time bees rescued from houses are in swarm or have been there for years. Common places to find bees are: under the roof, on the roof, ceiling, in trees, in tires, on the walls, bird cages, under containers even in septic

tanks anywhere you can think of is possible. They have even been called several times at hotels to remove hives from a bedroom or from the rooftop.

At Lui Bee Farm they know how important these bees are for our environment therefore when assisting at removing these hives they will stay there until they find the 'queen'. Who naturally is the most important for the production of the honey. Whenever they find her their job is done.



According to Luis bees in Aruba are not aggressive. If you leave them alone and don't disturb them they won't attack you. Therefore Lui Bee Farm kindly requests you to help the bees by putting water around the house. Especially during dry seasons. These bees need as much flowers and water as possible in order to survive. Please do not kill them!! To Lui Bee Farm a world without bees is like a dessert without food!!

For more information call them at 593-6694, email luibeefarmaruba@gmail.com or check their Facebook page Lui bee farm aruba or follow them on Instagram @luibeefarmaruba. □



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Saturday's Cryptoquote: LIVE AS IF YOU WERE TO DIE TOMORROW. LEARN AS IF YOU WERE TO LIVE FOREVER. — MAHATMA GANDHI

Apple is expected to unveil a sleek, pricey headset. Is it the device VR has been looking for?

By MICHAEL LIETKE
AP Technology Writer

Apple appears poised to unveil a long-rumored headset that will place its users between the virtual and real world, while also testing the technology trendsetter's ability to popularize new-fangled devices after others failed to capture the public's imagination.

After years of speculation, the stage is set for the widely anticipated announcement to be made Monday at Apple's annual developers conference in a Cupertino, California, theater named after the company's late co-founder Steve Jobs. Apple is also likely to use the event to show off its latest Mac computer, preview the next operating system for the iPhone and discuss its strategy for artificial intelligence.

But the star of the show is expected to be a pair of goggles — perhaps called "Reality Pro," according to media leaks — that could become another milestone in Apple's lore of releasing game-changing technology, even though the company hasn't always been the first to try its hand at making a particular device.

Apple's lineage of breakthroughs date back to a bow-tied Jobs peddling the first Mac in 1984 — a tradition that continued with the iPod in 2001, the iPhone in 2007, the iPad in 2010, the Apple Watch in 2014 and its AirPods in 2016. But with a hefty price tag that could be in the \$3,000 range, Apple's new headset may also be greeted with a lukewarm reception



Apple CEO Tim Cook discusses the Apple Watch at the Apple event at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015.

Associated Press

from all but affluent technophiles.

If the new device turns out to be a niche product, it would leave Apple in the same bind as other major tech companies and startups that have tried selling headsets or glasses equipped with technology that either thrusts people into artificial worlds or projects digital images with scenery and things that are actually in front of them — a format known as "augmented reality."

Apple's goggles are expected to be sleekly designed and capable of toggling between totally virtual or augmented options, a blend sometimes known as "mixed reality." That flexibility also is sometimes called external reality, or XR for shorthand. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has been describing these alternate three-dimensional realities as the "metaverse." It's a geeky concept that he tried to push into the mainstream by changing the name of his social net-

working company to Meta Platforms in 2021 and then pouring billions of dollars into improving the virtual technology.

But the metaverse largely remains a digital ghost town, although Meta's virtual reality headset, the Quest, remains the top-selling device in a category that so far has mostly appealed to video game players looking for even more immersive experiences.

Apple executives seem likely to avoid referring to the metaverse, given the skepticism that has quickly developed around that term, when they discuss the potential of the company's new headset.

In recent years, Apple CEO Tim Cook has periodically touted augmented reality as technology's next quantum leap, while not setting a specific timeline for when it will gain mass appeal.

"If you look back in a point in time, you know, zoom out to the future and look back, you'll wonder how you led your life without augmented reality," Cook, who is 62, said last September while speaking to an audience of students in Italy.

"Just like today you wonder how did people like me grow up without the internet. You know, so I think it could be that profound. And it's not going to be profound overnight." □

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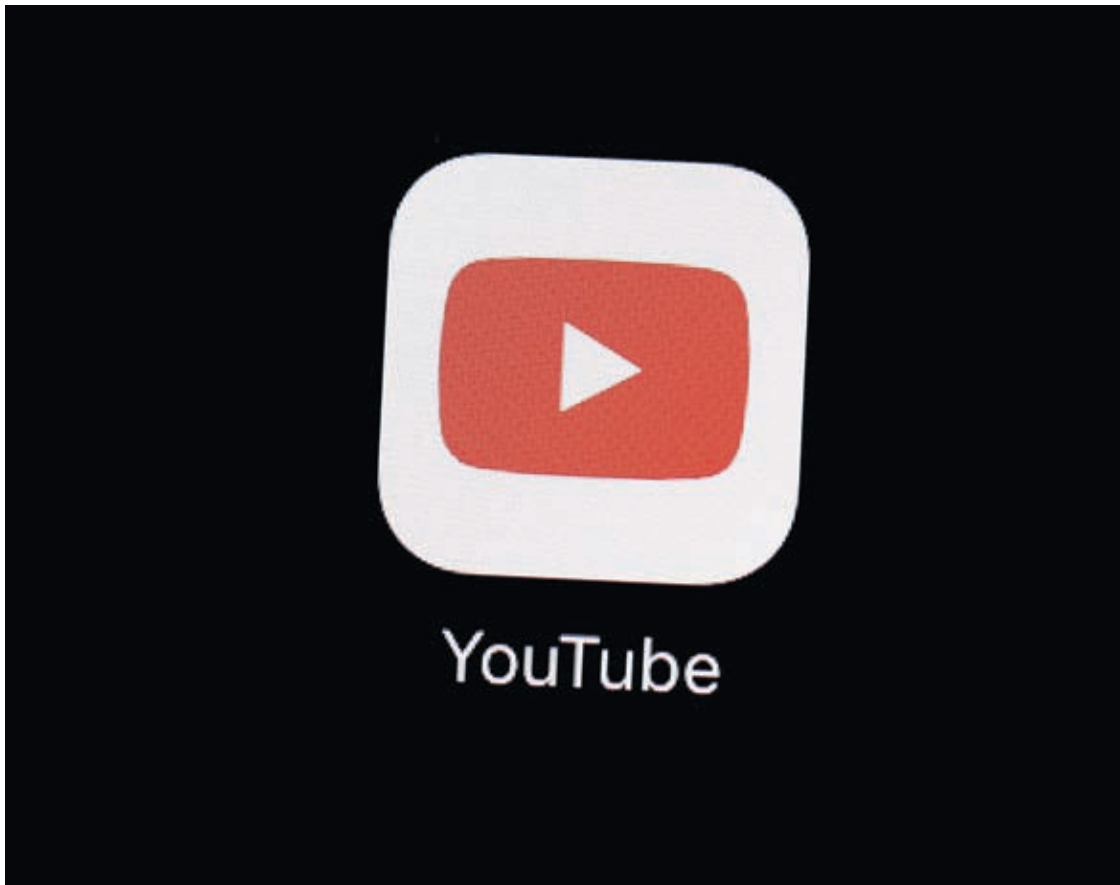
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YouTube changes policy to allow false claims about past U.S. presidential elections



The YouTube app is displayed on an iPad on March 20, 2018, in Baltimore.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press

YouTube will stop removing content that falsely claims the 2020 election or other past U.S. presidential elections were marred by "widespread fraud, errors or glitches," the platform announced Friday.

The change is a reversal for the Google-owned video service, which said a month after the 2020 election that it would start removing new posts that falsely claimed widespread voter fraud or errors changed the outcome.

YouTube said in a blog post that the updated policy was an attempt to protect the ability to "openly debate political ideas, even those that are controversial or based on disproven assumptions."

"In the current environment, we find that while removing this content does curb some misinformation, it could also have the unintended effect of curtailing political speech without meaningfully reducing the risk of violence or other real-world harm," the blog post said.

The updated policy, which goes into effect immediately, won't stop YouTube

from taking down content that tries to deceive voters in the upcoming 2024 election, or other future races in the U.S. and abroad. The company said its other existing rules against election misinformation remain unchanged.

This could prove difficult to enforce, said John Wihbey, an associate professor at Northeastern University who studies social media and misinformation.

"It doesn't take a genius if

you're on the disinformation 'we were wronged in 2020' side to say, 'wait a minute, let's just claim that voting just generally is not worth it. And 2020 is our example,' he said. "I don't know how you disentangle rhetoric that both refers to past wrongs and to forward possibilities. The content moderation team, which is going to try to do this, is going to tie themselves in knots trying to figure out exactly where that line is."



The announcement comes after YouTube and other major social media companies, including Twitter and the Meta-owned Facebook and Instagram, have come under fire in recent years for not doing more to combat the firehose of election misinformation and disinformation that spreads on their platforms.

The left-leaning media watchdog group Media Matters said the policy change is not a surprise, as it was one of the "last major social media platforms" to keep the policy in place.

"YouTube and the other platforms that preceded it in weakening their election misinformation policies, like Facebook, have made it clear that one attempted insurrection wasn't enough. They're setting the stage for an encore," said its vice president Julie Millican in a statement. □



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Hendriks gets win, Burger hits grand slam as White Sox sweep

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Jake Burger's game-ending grand slam handed Liam Hendriks his first win since returning from cancer, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Detroit Tigers 6-2 on Sunday for a three-game series sweep.

Hendriks (1-0) worked a 1-2-3 ninth, striking out two. It was the third big league appearance for the All-Star closer since he missed the start of the season after he was diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Yoán Moncada and Tim Anderson walked with one out to load the bases for Burger, who hit a drive to left-center off Alex Lange (3-1) for his 12th homer of the season. It was his first career slam and game-ending homer.

Spencer Torkelson hit a two-run homer for Detroit, which has dropped five of six. Matthew Boyd struck out nine while pitching five innings of one-run ball.

RANGERS 12, MARINERS 3 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Marcus Semien extended MLB's longest hitting streak this season to 23 games, Jonah Heim homered and drove in five runs, and Texas' offense kept rolling. Corey Seager also went deep as the Rangers won consecutive games by a combined score of 28-9 after taking the series opener 2-0. Nathan Eovaldi (8-2) pitched six scoreless innings for his seventh consecutive victory.

The AL West leaders scored at least 10 runs for a major league-leading 16th time in 58 games.

Seattle rookie Bryce Miller (3-3) was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in 2 1/3 innings.

RAYS 6, RED SOX 2

BOSTON (AP) — Yandy Díaz's sixth-inning RBI single turned into a two-run Little League homer, and the major league-best Rays beat the sloppy Red Sox.

Josh Lowe, Luke Raley and Díaz each had two hits for the Rays (42-19), who are 6-1 against AL East rival Boston this season.

Alex Verdugo had two doubles, a triple and scored twice for the last-place Red



Chicago White Sox's Jake Burger (30), center, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a grand slam during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers in Chicago, Sunday, June 4, 2023.

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Sox.

Rays rookie Taj Bradley (4-2) gave up two runs and six hits in five innings.

Red Sox starter Tanner Houck (3-5) allowed four runs and five hits over five innings.

ANGELS 2, ASTROS 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Shohei Ohtani hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth inning, and the Angels avoided a four-game series sweep. Ohtani was hitless before clubbing a pitch from Phil Maton (0-1) off the wall in right field, driving in Gio Urshela for a 2-1 lead. The clutch swing gave Ohtani 41 RBIs on the season.

Luis Rengifo hit his third homer for Los Angeles, which stopped a three-game slide. Chris Devenski (3-0) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the win against his first major league team, and Carlos Estévez got four outs for his 14th save. Yainer Diaz connected for Houston, and Alex Bregman also had two hits. Bregman extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

BLUE JAYS 6, METS 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Brandon Belt broke a seventh-inning tie with a two-run homer, and the Blue Jays finished a three-game sweep.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. also went deep for the Blue Jays, who blew a four-run lead but quickly recovered. Toronto has won four straight and six of seven.

Tommy Pham hit two of New York's four solo hom-

ers. Pete Alonso and Starling Marte also connected for the Mets, who completed a 3-3 homestand that started with a three-game sweep of Philadelphia.

Nate Pearson (3-0) gave up Alonso's major league-leading 21st homer and Marte's tying drive in the sixth before Toronto regained the lead against Dominic Leone (0-2). Jordan Romano tossed a 1-2-3 ninth for his 15th save.

GUARDIANS 2, TWINS 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Triston McKenzie tossed five scoreless innings in his injury-delayed season debut, and Cleveland's Josh Naylor delivered a breakthrough RBI double in the seventh. McKenzie had 10 strikeouts and only one baserunner, a two-out single by Michael Taylor in the third. The 25-year-old right-hander had been sidelined by a muscle strain in his shoulder. Twins starter Joe Ryan (7-3) was just as sharp as McKenzie until José Ramírez drew a two-out walk in the seventh. Naylor followed with a drive off the limestone facade that juts out over the right-field wall, putting the Guardians on the board.

Andrés Giménez then greeted Caleb Thielbar with an RBI triple.

Willi Castro homered for the Twins.

James Karinchak (2-4) got the win, and Emmanuel Clase posted his MLB-best 19th save with a scoreless ninth inning.

PIRATES 2, CARDINALS 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rich Hill pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning, and the Pirates beat the Cardinals for a three-game series sweep. Ji Hwan Bae's two-run single off Miles Mikolas (4-2) in the first provided all the offense Hill would need. Ke'Bryan Hayes singled three times and is hitting .562 (9 for 16) over his last four games. The 43-year-old Hill (5-5) struck out six in 6 2/3 innings. David Bednar worked the ninth for his 13th save and third in as many days. Andrew Knizner hit his seventh homer for St. Louis in the seventh inning. Luken Baker — called up to the majors for the first time early Sunday — picked up the first two hits of his career. But the Cardinals lost for the fifth time in six games.

BREWERS 5, REDS 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Adrian Houser pitched seven sparkling innings and Andruw Monasterio hit his first career homer, leading the Brewers to the victory. Victor Caratini also went deep as Milwaukee (32-27) won for the fourth time in five games. The NL Central-leading Brewers also clinched their first road series win since they swept a three-game set at Seattle from April 17-19.

Houser (2-1) allowed six hits, including Jake Fraley's seventh homer in the seventh. Cincinnati (26-33) dropped its fourth straight game. Reds right-hander Ben Live-

ly (3-3) was charged with five runs and six hits in seven innings in his first loss since May 19.

PHILLIES 11, NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kyle Schwarber hit two three-run homers, and the Phillies beat the Nationals in the rubber game of their weekend set.

Philadelphia's Drew Ellis hit his first two homers of the season. J.T. Realmuto went deep for the second day in a row for the Phillies, who finished a 4-6 road trip. Nick Castellanos had three hits. Phillies left-hander Ranger Suárez (1-2) pitched seven innings of one-run ball.

Ildemaro Vargas hit a two-run homer for Washington. Trevor Williams (2-4) was charged with four runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

MARLINS 7, ATHLETICS 5

MIAMI (AP) — Luis Arraez hit a tiebreaking infield single in the eighth inning, and Miami beat Oakland to complete a three-game series sweep. Joey Wendle doubled against A's reliever Austin Pruitt to lead off the inning, and then advanced on Jacob Stallings' single. Stallings took second on right fielder Ramon Laureano's throw to the plate as Wendle remained at third. Sam Moll relieved Pruitt (1-3) and struck out pinch-hitter Jorge Soler before Arraez's hard smash over a drawn-in infield bounced off second baseman Aledmys Díaz's glove to give Miami a 6-5 lead. Nick Fortes ran for Stallings and scored from third on Shea Langeliers' passed ball.

Garrett Cooper went deep for the Marlins. Tanner Scott (4-1) got the win, and Dylan Floro closed with a perfect ninth for his sixth save.

ROYALS 2, ROCKIES 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Brady Singer pitched five-hit ball into the sixth inning, leading the last-place Royals to the victory.

Michael Massey hit an RBI single in the fifth for Kansas City. Maikel Garcia led off the eighth with his first major league homer.

Singer (4-4) struck out seven and walked none in 5 2/3 innings. Scott Barlow worked the ninth for his seventh save. □

Djokovic breaks tie with Nadal by reaching French Open quarterfinals for 17th time; Alcaraz wins

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PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic broke a tie with rival Rafael Nadal by reaching the French Open quarterfinals for the record 17th time, never truly in trouble during a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Juan Pablo Varillas on Sunday.

"Well, I'm proud of it, but my attention is already on the next match," said Djokovic, who will play No. 11 Karen Khachanov for a semifinal berth that could come against No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz. "I know what my goal is here. I'm trying to stay, mentally, the course and of course not look too far."

That's because Djokovic is closing on bettering Nadal in a more prestigious category: Grand Slam singles championships. Both currently sit at 22. For Djokovic, that total includes two at Roland Garros, in 2016 and 2021, and he can become the first man to own at least three trophies from each major tournament.

Nadal is a 14-time champion in Paris but is missing this time because of a hip injury; he had arthroscopic surgery Friday night that is expected to sideline him for the rest of the year.

"I really hope that his rehabilitation process can go well and that we can see him next season. He's so important for our game, on and off the court, one of the greatest legends of tennis in the history of the game," Djokovic said. "We want to see a healthy Rafa, no question about it."

Alcaraz extended his Grand Slam winning streak to 11 matches — he won the U.S. Open in September, then missed the Australian Open in January with a leg injury — by beating No. 17 Lorenzo Musetti 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Alcaraz's opponent in a second consecutive quarterfinal at Roland Garros will be No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas or Sebastian Ofner.

The No. 3-seeded Djokovic, meanwhile, is this far for the 14th time in a row at the French Open and for



Serbia's Novak Djokovic plays a shot against Peru's Juan Pablo Varillas during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday, June 4, 2023.

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the 55th time overall at all majors. Roger Federer, who retired with 58, is the only man to reach more.

Djokovic takes an 8-1

head-to-head mark into Tuesday's meeting with Khachanov, who defeated Lorenzo Sonego 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-1.

"He's one of the toughest tasks, toughest opponents," Khachanov said about Djokovic, "and you cannot count him out."

Elina Svitolina, participating in her first Slam since having a baby in October, made her way into the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 7-6 (5) win against No. 9 Daria Kasatkina, who was in the final four in Paris a year ago. Svitolina, who is from Ukraine, skipped the postmatch handshake against her Russian opponent because of the ongoing war; Kasatkina offered a thumbs-up to Svitolina.

Next for Svitolina is a match-up against the winner of Sunday's night match between No. 2 Aryna Sa-

balenka, the reigning Australian Open champion, and Sloane Stephens, who won the 2017 U.S. Open.

Two unseeded women will play each other in another quarterfinal: Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, the 2021 runner-up at Roland Garros, and Karolina Muchova. Pavlyuchenkova, who missed last year's tournament as part of a lengthy absence with a knee injury, got past a third consecutive seeded opponent, No. 28 Elise Mertens, by a 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3 score. Muchova was a 6-4, 6-4 winner against Elina Avanesyan, who lost in qualifying but got into the main draw when another player withdrew. □



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